

AGM RESOLUTIONS

A full report of the 1984 AGM and its resolutions appeared in *InCite* volume 5 no.19, 16 November 1984; however all resolutions of Annual General Meetings of the LAA must be referred to the General Council for discussion and ratification.

At its meeting in December, Council did not endorse two of the resolutions passed at the GM. These were:

1. An ACT Branch motion

- That General Council consider initiating an award, to be presented in conjunction with the Association's national conference, which honours the contribution of a distinguished Australian writer to contemporary Australian literature.

Councillors expressed reservations about such an award, because of the number of awards already offered in this area and in the likely difficulty of identifying sponsors and making the award suitably prominent. It was suggested that an award might be considered in relation to the Association's 50th Anniversary.

GC 203/84 resolved that Council, noting the proliferation of awards dealing with literature, not initiate an award which honours the contribution of a distinguished Australian writer.

2. A motion put forward by Gordon Bower

- That, with a view to improving the free flow of information to members and making By-law 16A more meaningful, General Council be requested to publish all General Council resolutions in *InCite*, as soon as possible after each meeting of General Council.

This resolution called for the publication of all General Council resolutions in *InCite*, as soon as possible after each meeting of Council. The Executive Director advised that current reporting of Council includes publication of the agenda page, and of a report of all major items and decisions in *InCite*. Many of the resolutions passed by themselves offer little information on the issues considered or the decisions made. The report of the August meeting (*InCite*, 5 October) was thought to be informative with a clear format. The addition of Council resolution numbers and highlighting of items to come back to Council for further consideration was suggested.

GC 205/84 resolved that (i) Council not pub-

lish all General Council resolutions in *InCite*; (ii) the Executive Director be requested to ensure that a comprehensive report of General Council continues to be published after each meeting of Council, that this report be in the style of that in 5 October 1984 issue of *InCite*, and that resolution numbers be included.

3. A motion was passed at the AGM which sought the publication by the end of 1984 of 'full details of the proposed cost and implications of the IFLA Conference to the Association, and the likely effect of the IFLA Conference on the 1988 national conference.'

Councillors accepted and endorsed the intent of this resolution, and agreed that as much information as possible should be provided to members. This needs to be done on an ongoing basis, as information becomes available. Council recognised that it was not possible to publish this information by the end of 1984 and therefore resolved (GC 204/84) to 'reaffirm its commitment to providing the membership of the LAA with regular reports on a continuing basis, including on the programming, organisation, financial and other implications of the IFLA Conference to the Association, and the likely effect of the IFLA Conference on the 1988 national conference.'

In the event of any AGM resolutions being rejected by General Council, the published announcement in *InCite* shall include also a statement of members' rights to request a plebiscite of the full membership.

By-law 16A outlines the rights of the membership relating to a plebiscite as:

'Decisions of the General Council relating to resolutions passed at General Meetings of the Association shall be communicated to the respective divisions of the Association, and shall be binding on all members, provided that a decision of General Council shall be submitted to a plebiscite of all financial members of the Association by postal ballot if requested by (i) properly constituted meetings of two divisions (other than a sectional group or regional group) of the Association held within 60 days of the date of publication of the notice advising members of that decision; such plebiscite to be held within 90 days of receipt of the request; or (ii) a petition signed by 10 per cent of the

financial members of the Association within 60 days of the date of publication of the notice advising members of that decision, such plebiscite to be held within 90 days of receipt of the petition.

A request for a plebiscite shall be communicated to the President of the Association in writing, who shall upon receipt of such a request direct the Executive Director to submit such decision to a plebiscite of all financial members of the Association by postal ballot. The decision of a majority of members voting in such plebiscite shall be final.'

Jenny Adams
Executive Director

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